

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9575–S9623

Measures Introduced: One bill and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1690, and S. Res. 275–278. **Page S9589**

Measures Reported:

S. 942, to prevent the abuse of Government charge cards. (S. Rept. No. 111–76) **Page S9589**

Measures Passed:

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 276, designating September 22, 2009, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day”. **Page S9615**

National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 277, designating September 2009 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. **Pages S9615–16**

Measures Considered:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9578–83**

Pending:

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2460, to support the participation of the Smithsonian Institution in activities under the Civil Rights History Project Act of 2009. **Pages S9581, S9583**

Carper Amendment No. 2456, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions. **Pages S9582–83**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 22, 2009; provided that at 12 noon, Senate vote on or in relation to Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2460 (listed above), with no amendment in order to the amendment prior to the vote, with the time

until 12 noon, equally divided and controlled between Senators Feinstein and Alexander, or their designees. **Page S9583**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 21, 2006; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–31) **Page S9586**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

J. Michael Gilmore, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense. **Pages S9616, S9623**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Gustavo Arnavat, of New York, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9616.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL TAX TREATMENT OF HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

Committee on Indian Affairs: On Friday, September 18, committee concluded an oversight hearing to ex-

amine the federal tax treatment of health care benefits provided by tribal governments to their citizens, after receiving testimony from Sarah H. Ingram, Commissioner, Tax Exempt and Government Entities, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, and Andrew Joseph, Jr., National Indian Health Board, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark Macarro, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, Temecula, California; and Scott A. Taylor, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 3607–3609; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 757–758 were introduced. Pages H9737–38

Additional Cosponsors: Page H9738

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2265, to amend the Reclamation Water and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project (H. Rept. 111–258).

H.R. 2522, to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project (H. Rept. 111–259);

H.R. 2741, to amend the Reclamation Water and Groundwater Supply and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project (H. Rept. 111–260);

H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–261); and

H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addi-

tion to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 111–262). Page H9737

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H9733

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative McHugh, where he resigned as Representative for the 23rd Congressional District of New York. Pages H9733–34

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New York, Mr. McHugh, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. Page H9734

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1003)

H.R. 3325, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize for 1 year the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security program. Signed on September 18, 2009. (Public Law 111–63)

S.J. Res. 9, providing for the appointment of France A. Cordova as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on September 18, 2009. (Public Law 111–64)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill providing for health care reform, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Weapons of Mass Destruction Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2009, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening security and oversight at biological research laboratories, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue hearings to review proposed legislation by the U.S. Department of Treasury regarding the regulation of over-the-counter derivatives markets, part two, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled “Federal Oversight of High Containment Bio-Laboratories,” 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on the USA PATRIOT Act, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Reauthorization of the Innocence Protection Act, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1054, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 2213, To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 3433, To amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3537, Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3563, Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2009; H.R. 2288, Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2316, Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled “The Local Role of the United States Parole Commission (USPC): Increasing Public Safety, Reducing Recidivism, and Using Alternatives to Re-incarceration in the District of Columbia,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing entitled “The Census 2010 Integrated Communications Campaign; Criteria for Implementation: Measurements for Success,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules: to consider the following: H.R. 324, Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Act; and a joint resolution Making Continuity Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the VA Meeting the Pharmaceutical Needs of Veterans? An Examination of the VA National Formulary, Issues of Patient Safety, and Management of the Pharmacy Benefits Program, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2460 at 12 noon.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

(At approximately 2:15 p.m., the official photograph of the 111th Congress will be taken in the Senate chamber.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 22

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 860—Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009; (2) H.R. 1080—Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2009; (3) H.R. 2802—To

provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy; (4) H.R. 3113—Upper Elk River Wild and Scenic Study Act; (5) H.R. 2265—Magna Water District Water Reuse and Groundwater Recharge Act of 2009; (6) H. Res. 670—Congratulating and saluting the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary for celebrating its 75th anniversary; (7) H. Res. 599—Honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary; (8) H. Res. 688—Expressing support for the goals and ideals of the first annual National Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Day taking place on September 26, 2009; (9) H.R. 2522—To raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project; (10) H.R. 2741—To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project; (11) H.R. 2971—The “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office” Designation Act; (12) H. Res. 441—Honoring the historical contributions of Catholic sisters in the United States; (13) H.R. 2215—The “John J. Shiven Post Office Building” Designation Act; (14) H. Con. Res. 163—Expressing support for designation of September 23, 2009, as “National Job Corps Day”; and (15) H.R. 3548—Unemployment Compensation Extension Act.

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